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## P. F. CONFERENCE

Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference plans are well laid. Meeting in the beautiful Pioneer Church of Sacramento on December 26, 27 and 28, northern California young people will have three days of fellowship, instruction, and devotions. Rev. R. C. M. Fiske is the director, and Field Secretary Sherman will be in charge of registration and local arrangements. The Conference will follow the theme, "Gateways to World Brotherhood." Rev. Allan Hunter of Los Angeles will give four addresses on the theme, emphasizing the personal, community, national, and international aspects of world brotherhood. After the addresses, the delegates will assemble in groups of 20, each under the guidance of youth leaders and resource assistants, to discuss the presentation that has been made.

There will be other speakers, including Professor John C. Bennett, Rev. Pierson Parker, and Superintendent Gill. Rev. Arthur Casaday will conduct devotions. The young people will be welcomed by Rev. T. Torrance Phelps, pastor of the church; and Pilgrim Fellowship President Ted Nichols will preside.

Registration will begin at 3 o'clock on Thursday, the 26th. The cost for the entire Conference will be only $2.25 if the registration card is received at the Conference office (1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco) not later than December 30. Thereafter it will be $2.60. This registration will include the four meals which are served at the church. Sacramento homes will furnish hospitality for lodging and breakfast so that the total cost will be very slight.

## CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

Pastors have received an emergency message from the Committee for Assistance to War Victims, which was set up at our General Council, asking that a Christmas offering be taken, to be sent to England for providing gifts for English Congregational children without home or church at Christmas time. In London alone, by the fifth of November, seventy of our Congregational churches had been damaged. There have been other serious bombings to churches in Southampton, Liverpool and other cities.

Dr. Sidney Berry, secretary of the Congregational Union, will undertake to see that Christmas gifts are purchased and distributed. Money may be sent through the Conference office or directly to Elbert A. Harvey, Treasurer, Committee for Assistance to War Victims, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and marked "For English Children."

### Alcohol and Accidents

According to the American Businessmen's Research Foundation, traffic fatalities do not vary directly with the number of gallons of gasoline used, but much more directly with the consumption of alcohol in distilled liquors. The rise and fall of the number of traffic fatalities parallels the rise and fall of alcoholic consumption. Increase in traffic deaths in the first seven months of 1940 is 5 per cent over the same period in '39. The latest figures indicate the amount of liquor withdrawn from warehouses prior to June 1, 1940, is about 7 per cent greater than the like period the previous year.

## TOWARD THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

**It is imperative that Christian people learn in this generation the simple art and science of prayer,—individual, daily, private, persistent prayer. There is no such thing as a Christian life that is entirely prayerless. But our common weakness as Christians in this troubled age is due more to the fact that our individual lives of prayer are not subject to discipline, than to any other single factor. Let an artist neglect his work for a year and his loss of skill is not to be measured. Conscious, deliberate, purposive neglect of his technique involves the craftsman in an incredible loss.**

**Prayer is a natural expression. Everybody, at one time or another, prays. Generally in times of stress and strain, in some desperate circumstance of need, we all of us cry to God for aid. W. E. Henley's brave man "whose head is bloody but unbowed, and who is the Captain of his soul" never existed on land or sea.**

**But the involuntary cry is not the only expression of prayer. Prayer is much besides; it is adoration and thanksgiving; it is penitence and petition; it is intercession for loved ones and friends; it is concern for our witness as servants of the living God; and because it deals with all the thoughts, emotions, and purposes of our lives as individuals and members of a community, we must pursue it as a habit. And the first thing we need to do is to provide time for it. Suppose at first, all we have is fifteen minutes a day. Then let us secure privacy for that time, and, to rouse our souls from sloth, read a passage of Scripture; then in quietness, wait; and not till then, offer our thanks and petitions to God.—Rev. Godfrey Matthews,** in Eden Church Messenger.

### Social Action Committee Plans

The new Conference Social Action Committee met and organized, re-electing Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose as chairman and Superintendent Gill as secretary. The committee adopted as one of its projects the promotion of attendance at the Mills College Institute of International Relations. It also voted to sponsor the work of the Committee for Assistance to War Victims in Northern California, and is asking Miss Mary Coxhead to visit churches within a radius of 100 miles, carrying literature and information, that our people may be reminded of their obligation to the victims of war, both in Europe and Asia. Other projects of the committee will be presented in The Pacific as soon as they mature.

### Deadline

**Pastors, treasurers, Sunday School superintendents, and presidents of societies are asked to remember January 10. That date does not appear in our calendars as a notable anniversary, but it is highly important to Congregational benevolences. On that date the books for 1940 will be closed. Church officers and members, who love to see their churches doing their full part, will give attention to having every last possible dollar of benevolence money sent to the Conference office before January 10. Our progress for the year thus far is noted in another column.**

We should like to share this with you: A man said, "I am not going to the moving picture theatre any more. No one ever speaks to me when I go, and the people who go there are not all that they should be; some of them are just hypocrites. Every time I go there, they ask me for money. And the manager has never called on me." Absurd, isn't it? Who ever spoke that way about the movies? But does it have a sort of familiar sound to our ears?—*The Spire.*

## LAYMEN MEET AND PLAN

The new Laymen's Commission, which was appointed by the Conference Board of Directors, has had its first meeting and elected Mr. George B. Martin as chairman. Mr. Martin is one of our younger laymen and comes from the North Church, Berkeley. Other new members of the Commission are Mr. Jack Dennison of Sacramento and Mr. R. J. White of Martinez.

Much time was spent by the Commission in hearing reports from the five retreats which had been held, and in planning the program for the coming year. It was definitely decided that in 1941 another series of retreats shall be held, but the exact number and locations will be determined later. It is felt that we now possess the leadership to enable us to have at least two retreats simultaneously, so that they will not stretch over so long a period.

Many requests had come to the Commission for at least one school of churchmanship. Since Northern California is so large, geographically, it is felt that the Commission would do well to look forward to more than one such school. Definite arrangement has been made with the Pacific School of Religion for one to be held there on Sunday, February 16, and it is hoped that a second for the central valley area may be held in or near Sacramento on Sunday, March 2. Further details will appear in the January issue.

### Visiting Lecturer at P. S. R.

Pacific School of Religion announces the appointment of Frederick Spiegelberg, Ph.D., as visiting lecturer in the History of Religions for the spring quarter. Dr. Spiegelberg had graduate study in Germany and research work in Rome and Greece. He is associate professor in Dresden Technical Institute and visiting lecturer at the University of Rochester and Columbia.

## CHRISTMAS ASPIRATIONS IN WAR TIME

"This is the Victory,
even our Faith."

**To lift our eyes from the holocaust about us to the heavens above us;**

**To find amidst the external confusion of international conflict, the internal assurance of Divine communion;**

**To be conquerors,—not so much by now and then "Going over the top" as by continually "Seeing things from above," so that even in apparent defeat, disaster and disgrace, we can say with Him whose birth we celebrate, "I have overcome the world."**

*(This Christmas message from the Editor to the readers of* The Pacific, *though first written in 1917 as a greeting to parishioners, is appropriate for our own day, and it is hoped may be of some encouragement to us all as we seek again to interpret Christian truth in war time.)*

## A WEEK OF JOY

The Stockton church has had one of the most notable weeks of its history, beginning on Sunday, December 1, with the dedication of the sanctuary and completed building. The former social hall has been completely remodeled, with a lovely chancel, comfortable pews, and a worshipful atmosphere. A Moller organ of ten full sets of pipes, with electric action, has been installed. It is a memorial to Rev. Reuben Henry Sink, who passed away just two days before the dedication, which consisted of a beautiful musical service.

During the week there was a women's fellowship luncheon, at which Mrs. R. A. Fuller, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, was guest of honor, and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland was the speaker. There was a men's dinner, with Mr. C. T. Tinker, moderator of the Conference, as guest of honor, and Dean Hubert Phillips of Fresno State College the speaker.

Coupled with the dedication was the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church. At the anniversary dinner there were many guests of honor, greetings from former ministers, the reading of messages which were written at the fiftieth anniversary, and an anniversary address by Supt. Harley H. Gill, who was pastor of the church from 1918 to 1923.

The anniversary service of worship was held Sunday morning, December 8, with Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of the City Temple, San Francisco, as the preacher. The day and week closed with a Church of Youth rally, Sunday evening, the order of worship being entirely in the hands of young people, and an address by Rev. Vere V. Loper of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. A baptismal font, the pulpit, and the altar were dedicated as memorials to faithful members of the church.

The church was organized September 16, 1865. Its first building was ereceted in 1869, the second building in 1910. The present building was completed in 1929 as the first unit of what was to be a two-building church plant. Recently it was decided by the church to remodel the structure instead of erecting a second unit. This project, including the organ, has cost about $25,000, and the financing is well in hand. The whole enterprise stands today as a tribute to the able and indefatigable leadership of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, who has keenly felt the lack of a sanctuary, and in season and out of season has pled with and urged the members to complete a worthy project.

To the Stockton church and to Dr. Breed are extended the congratulations of our Northern California fellowship; and churches and ministers look forward to next October, when the State Conference will meet in the newly remodeled plant.

### Holidays in the Home

Families who would like to have a brief and happy service of worship in their homes on Christmas and on New Year's Day, will find the services prepared by the Seminar on Personal Devotional Life of help. They are printed attractively as four-page leaflets. Rev. Noel J. Breed is the author of the service for Christmas, and Superintendent Gill of the service of worship in the home on New Year's Day. Order through Pacific Book Service at 1c a copy.

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## Rev. Benjamin St. John

Death came to Rev. Benjamin St. John at Palo Alto on the morning of Saturday, November 30, as gently as an autumn leaf floating down to the ground. On December 10 he would have reached his 92nd birthday. The funeral service was held in the Palo Alto Congregational Church, the pastor, Rev. Augustine Jones, presiding, and Rev. Willard B. Thorp telling the story of the life of our venerable "Saint." Rev. Burton M. Palmer, his successor at Woodside, said the last words at the grave in the Los Gatos cemetery where his body was laid by the side of his wife, who died in 1923.

Mr. St. John was born in Walton, New York, in 1848, but in his early childhood the family moved to Iowa, where he graduated at Iowa College (now Grinnell College) in the class of 1876. He graduated from Yale Divinity School in the class of 1880. He was ordained at once in Eldon, Iowa. Besides Eldon he served churches at Britt, Fayette, and Des Moines, and was general missionary in Iowa for one year. He came to California in 1904 and was pastor at Benicia for eleven years. He then went to Woodside, where he was pastor of the village church for 18 years, retiring as pastor emeritus in 1934 and removing to Palo Alto, where a beloved niece, Miss Louise Mahan, has watched over his declining years. He was an original member of the "Prunes Club" of ministers, formed in 1922, and never missed one of their monthly meetings. He was always in his place in the church, also at Association and Conference meetings. His venerable and benignant figure radiated an influence that preached the gospel more beautifully than his modest soul could have realized.

## Rev. Reuben Henry Sink

Rev. Reuben Henry Sink, greatly beloved pastor emeritus of the Stockton church, passed away on November 29th. His education for the ministry and his active life were spent in northern California. He was born in 1854. He graduated from Pacific Theological Seminary in 1883, and was the oldest living alumnus. While a student, he served the church at Redwood City, and for a short time after his graduation. He then went to Grass Valley, where he was pastor until 1889, when he accepted a call to Stockton. He was pastor there for 29 years, and for more than 22 years was pastor emeritus. A little more than a year ago, when he had completed 50 years with the Stockton church, a notable celebration was held, and at the same time the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by College of the Pacific. At the time of his resignation as pastor, in 1918, and thereafter he was regarded as Stockton's first citizen. He was active in Masonic circles, and was Grand Prelate of the Knights Templar for many years. His passing was just two days prior to the dedication of the major improvements made upon the Stockton Church, and of an organ contributed by his friends and admirers in his honor and memory. Mrs. Sink, his lifetime companion, survives him.

# WHAT A RACE!

What a race! With 1940 just the width of a hair ahead of 1939 for the first eleven months. Only $3.32 to the good, with total receipts of more than $25,650! Column one reveals a goodly number of churches that made remittances during November. Now the real test is ahead. The last month of the year is the big month. Nearly $10,000 must come in before the 10th of January if we are to keep even with 1939, and our churches want to do more than that. They want to make a substantial increase, and many of them are doing it. Let no church by its losses offset the giving of those that are making gains! Every pastor, church treasurer, and member should study the columns appearing below, and then go to work with a will to put their church over the top.

| Church | Nov. 1940 | Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1940 | Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1939 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ ..... | $ 24.75 | $ 40.10 |
| Alameda | ..... | 461.56 | 513.15 |
| Alturas | ..... | 10.58 | 28.30 |
| Angels Camp | ..... | 100.00 | 120.75 |
| Antioch | ..... | 28.95 | 15.00 |
| Auburn | ..... | ..... | 60.00 |
| Benicia | ..... | 5.00 | ..... |
| Berkeley, First | 401.42* | 4,151.15 | 4,628.16 |
| Kensington | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| North | 33.69 | 552.05 | 413.24 |
| Park | 17.55 | 66.50 | 48.69 |
| Campbell | ..... | 191.00 | 112.00 |
| Cedarville | ..... | 100.00 | ..... |
| Cloverdale | 20.99 | 76.28 | 89.10 |
| Cotati | ..... | 42.50 | 33.50 |
| Crockett | ..... | 55.44 | 57.48 |
| Eureka | 35.03 | 376.81 | 310.59 |
| Fairfax | 20.00 | 20.00 | 12.50 |
| Ferndale | ..... | 183.93 | 184.51 |
| Fresno, First | 69.13 | 862.25 | 579.89 |
| Pilgrim | .... | 125.10 | 157.50 |
| Zion | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Glen Ellen | 15.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 |
| Guerneville | ..... | 6.50 | 9.00 |
| Hayfork | ..... | 10.00 | 3.00 |
| Hayward | ..... | 200.00 | 50.00 |
| Kenwood | ..... | 5.30 | ..... |
| Lewiston | ..... | .18 | ..... |
| Lodi, First | ..... | 903.00 | 1,079.50 |
| Loomis | 13.35 | 44.65 | 12.98 |
| Martinez | 38.36* | 194.02 | 213.56 |
| Murphys | ..... | 77.50 | 60.00 |
| Niles | ..... | 8.00 | 5.00 |
| Oakland, Bethany | 40.00 | 40.00 | ..... |
| First | 466.66 | 4,236.60 | 3,533.48 |
| Fruitvale | ..... | 50.00 | 33.00 |
| Pilgrim | 3.00 | 35.58 | 43.00 |
| Plymouth | 69.08 | 676.11 | 705.69 |
| Oroville | ..... | 43.54 | 46.44 |
| Pacific Grove | ..... | 178.80 | 249.13 |
| Palo Alto | 750.00 | 1,261.00 | 1,546.63 |
| Paradise | 25.00 | 225.00 | 205.90 |
| Penngrove | ..... | 20.64 | 15.74 |
| Petaluma | 35.40 | 474.12 | 436.11 |
| Pittsburg | 13.13 | 154.31 | 187.69 |
| Porterville | ..... | 230.00 | 197.50 |
| Port Chicago | ..... | ..... | 6.00 |
| Redwood City | 165.30 | 548.28 | 657.25 |
| Rio Vista | 37.50 | 150.00 | 90.00 |
| Ripon | 3.02 | 155.52 | 194.52 |
| Sacramento | 45.45 | 578.59 | 737.67 |
| Salida | ..... | 2.00 | 31.40 |
| San Carlos | 12.15 | 84.94 | 66.88 |
| San Francisco— | | | |
| Bethany Msn. Park | ..... | 260.15 | 213.71 |
| Calvary | ..... | ..... | 20.00 |
| Chinese | 10.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| First | 314.94* | 1,492.23 | 1,358.67 |
| Ocean View | ..... | 50.00 | 33.89 |
| Richmond | 62.00 | 112.00 | 80.00 |
| San Jose | 195.00* | 683.50 | 650.00 |
| San Leandro | 32.03 | 90.94 | 87.70 |
| San Lorenzo | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| San Mateo | 212.37 | 620.39 | 498.60 |
| San Rafael | 34.50 | 62.23 | 15.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 100.00* | 725.00 | 696.10 |
| Santa Rosa | 12.00 | 162.81 | 161.89 |
| Saratoga | 110.13 | 294.09 | 331.33 |
| Sebastopol | 29.95 | 162.14 | 176.91 |
| Sonoma | 10.00 | 84.60 | 87.35 |
| Soquel | ..... | 80.62 | 75.00 |
| Stockton | ..... | 488.27 | 528.04 |
| Suisun | ..... | 41.33 | 35.40 |
| Sunnyvale | ..... | 10.21 | 6.54 |
| Sunol | ..... | ..... | 20.00 |
| Tulare | 33.00 | 327.00 | 406.00 |
| Weaverville | 25.71 | 102.73 | 104.29 |
| Woodside | ..... | 20.00 | ..... |
| Reno, Nevada | ..... | 359.09 | 343.29 |
| Misc. & Individual | 15.00 | 1,318.30 | 1,816.10 |
| | $3,576.84 | $25,650.66 | $25,647.34 |

* Includes certain sums which were received in October but which were omitted by oversight from November issue.

## The Next General Council

**The minutes of the Exxecutive Committee of the General Council bring the word that the next biennial meeting of the Council will be held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., in June, 1942.**

## William W. Meyer Ordained

Mr. William W. Meyer, pastor of the Fairfax Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry at a Council held in his church on Tuesday, December 3. Rev. George E. Atkinson, senior pastor, called the Council together, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce was elected moderator and Rev. Robert W. Inglis, scribe. Mr. Meyer, who is a graduate of the University of California and of Union Theological Seminary, presented his credentials and a statement of his religious experience and faith. The Council voted unanimously to ordain, and following a splendid supper served by the ladies of the church, proceeded to the public service of ordination. Rev. Pierson Parker gave the invocation, and Rev. T. T. Giffen read the Scripture. Professor John C. Bennett delivered the sermon, and the prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, who is pastor of the Meyer family. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce gave the charge to the candidate, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill the charge to the people. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Robert W. Inglis. The Fairfax people presented Mr. and Mrs. Meyer with beautiful bouquets of flowers and with plants. There is every indication of a happy and successful pastorate.

## Piedmont Calls Dr. Burr

Northern California Congregationalists will be delighted to hear that Rev. Holland F. Burr has been called to the Piedmont Community Church. Dr. Burr was at one time associated with Rev. Carl Patton in the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles; later he was pastor of the Oneonta Church in South Pasadena, and more recently of the First Congregational Church of Tacoma, Washington. While Piedmont Church is non-denominational, Dr. Burr will have his ministerial standing in the Congregational fellowship and will undoubtedly be of great assistance to us, particularly in young people's work. Piedmont Church is to be congratulated upon its success in securing him.

## Temple of Religion

The Temple of Religion and Tower of Peace, Inc., will be perpetuated.

This announcement, which will gladden the hearts of thousands, was made following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization, held in the offices of Fred D. Parr, Honorary President of the group, with Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, presiding.

The board unanimously decided it was inconceivable that an inter-denominational movement, such as the Temple of Religion, which has received the wholehearted support and approval of virtually every faith, race, and creed, should dissolve simply because the lights of Treasure Island have been dimmed.

Never before in the history of the nation has any inter-denominational movement been carried on so successfully as the Temple of Religion.

For the past three years representatives of all religions have presented programs and services which were attended by more than one million people during the operation of the two years of the Exposition.

Plans for the perpetuation of the organization are necessarily in the formative stage.

However, several committees have been appointed to work out plans which when completed, will be acceptable to all religions.

One committee, composed of Fred Parr, Hugo D. Newhouse and E. V. Krick, will devote its entire time to the study of ways and means for developing the project, while a second committee, consisting of Mrs. A. F. Hockenbeamer, Mrs. C. Miner Cooper and Mrs. Lewis M. Lloyd, will obtain the necessary sketches and plans for the construction of a permanent building.

**CAMPBELL.** A new organ has been installed and dedicated. Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto spoke on "Great Hymns of the Church," and Rev. Fred Morrow of Saratoga offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, has received much depressing news from friends and former parishioners in London. According to press dispatches, his brother passed away from heart trouble during an air raid.

**ANTIOCH.** Rev. W. R. Steininger, pastor, is following the policy of creating a sense of responsibility for the organization of the church within the members and officers. A very complete schedule of events, beginning the last Sunday in November and running through Christmas, showing a number of gatherings every week, was printed. Loyalty Sunday was observed on December 1 and Family Day on the 8th.

**ALAMEDA.** At the Thank Offering meeting of the Women's Union, Dr. Lois Pendleton Todd of Palo Alto spoke on medical work in China. The pre-conference rally of the East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship was held on Saturday evening, November 30. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, has announced a "Know Your Bible" contest. New questions are given each Sunday to test knowledge of the Bible.

**RIO VISTA.** At a candlelight devotional service, the Pilgrim Fellowship installed officers. Mrs. R. A. Fuller, president of the Women's Federation, and Mrs. Scott Haymond of Berkeley were guests of honor at a ladies' luncheon on November 28. The minister, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, is leading his people in the use of the Bible for devotions during advent.

**OAKLAND, PILGRIM.** The church and its various organizations have started a fund for the moving of the church building to the corner lot, the adding of attractive Sunday School rooms, and a concrete foundation for the whole. An increase of salary was voted to the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, as a slight token of the affection and loyalty of the people.

**SARATOGA.** The large social room has been dedicated as "Roscoe D. Douglass Hall" in honor of the pastor at Ferndale, who was once at Saratoga. New hymnbooks have been secured for the Church School. Ninety persons were present at the fellowship dinner, with Rev. Homer K. Pitman of San Francisco as speaker. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

**SACRAMENTO PIONEER.** A new furnace costing a good many hundred dollars has been installed, and the cost underwritten by the men's organization with the help of one of the women's groups. The raising of the budget for the coming year has found a splendid response. Rev. T. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, has been discussing "Science and Health" at mid-week meetings.

**FAIRFAX.** A Thanks With Giving offering for benevolences was taken. One hundred fifteen people attended the church Thanksgiving dinner. The minister, Rev. William W. Meyer, is a member of the Lion's Club and assists with the Cub Scouts. Eighteen young people were taken to the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at Santa Rosa.

**CROCKETT.** The birthday of the pastor, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, falls on November 11. Each year the people of the church come together for a pot-luck supper in a very happy fellowship to express their joy and loyalty.

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

**OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH.** A splendid beginning of a 50th anniversary year has been made. Half a century ago the Sunday School was established which developed into Oak Chapel, which in turn was united with the old Plymouth Avenue Church to make the present organization. At the anniversary banquet held on December 2, Miss Catherine Heron, the first Sunday School teacher, and Mrs. A. G. Fraser, charter member of Oak Chapel, were present and introduced. Brief talks were made about the history of the church, and the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, presented the 50th anniversary program:

1. A fifty-voice choir to give expression to our faith.
2. Three hundred fifty children and youth enrolled as scholars in Plymouth Church School.
3. One hundred new members for Plymouth Church.
4. Three hundred people at worship each Sunday morning.
5. One thousand dollars for spreading the ideas of Jesus, for works of mercy and for fellowship of Christians beyond the borders of our parish.
6. Three hundred active members in the Women's League of Plymouth.
7. Five hundred adults sharing in a Community Service Program of adult education, child welfare, and the practical promotion of the brotherhood of all men.
8. Four hundred members in the character-building clubs for youth.
9. Liberal financial underwriting of this program.
10. The mobilization of progressive, liberal Christians by Plymouth Church for the extension of the Christian ideology.

At the close of the dinner, the budget for the coming year was about 80 per cent subscribed.

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**HAYWARD.** On Sunday, December 1, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the reception of the church into the Congregational Association was celebrated, with Supt. Harley H. Gill preaching the sermon. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church was held about two months ago. The minutes of the church, as revealed by Rev. Godfrey Matthews, the pastor, show that the sermon on December 3, 1865, was preached by Rev. George Mooar, and the charge to the people was given by Supt. J. H. Warren.

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**SANTA CRUZ.** Two very interested friends presented a piano to the church for the Beginners' Department. This makes a total of four pianos, a pipe organ, and a reed organ for the various departments. Patriotic bodies attended service on Armistice Day, the largest number of veterans ever to attend a patriotic service in Santa Cruz. One of the guilds is doing sewing for the Red Cross. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

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**BENICIA.** This church has called as stated supply Rev. Isaac Fleming, who has had long experience as pastor and teacher and who recently came to Berkeley from New England. The church feels very happy under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming. The painting of the church building has been completed, and the solicitation for the support of the church is being made.

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**OAKLAND, FIRST.** A very enjoyable operetta, lyric and music written by Mr. F. H. Seely, was presented at the church on a recent evening. Mrs. Seely was the director. A very large audience was present, enjoying the music, the refreshment, and the old-time fellowship.

**BERKELEY, NORTH.** Home Coming for members and friends was held Sunday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fourteen new members were received, and they, with others who had joined during the year, were guests of honor. The pastor's sermon subject was "Have you a millstone?" Following the luncheon a program from different departments of "the church at work" was presented. The church has exceeded the goal of a 10 per cent increase in membership for the year. In 1940 more new members were received than in any other one year in the past twenty. The young people of the church continue to print a four-page newspaper, called *Beacon Light*. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is the minister.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE.** A special meeting of the United Church and the regular annual meeting of the Congregational wing of the church were held during November. New officers were elected, both by the Society and the Church. A class of 11 members was received into fellowship on the first Sunday of December. The pastors, Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, have been assisting brother ministers who have been ill, Dr. Lowther preaching for Rev. Frank Linder of Oakland, and Dr. Pierce for Rev. Donald Gaylord of Grace United Church, San Francisco.

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**PORTERVILLE.** The annual "Harvest Home" dinner was a notable occasion. Beautiful decorations prevailed. Special music was furnished by members of the junior choir, recently organized by Mrs. John H. Gregg, wife of the pastor. Motion pictures of the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Sequoia Lake were shown, and Olaf Frodsham, director of music for the church, described a native Hawaiian feast and a Japanese wedding which he attended in the Islands this past summer. The budget being raised amounts to $4,400, and includes increases for benevolences and the pastor's salary.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN.** Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, the pastor, while walking to an evening meeting of the church trustees, was struck down by an automobile which had not come to a stop at an arterial intersection. As a result, he has been confined in a hospital for about two weeks with a leg injury, but hopes soon to be at work. The pulpit has been supplied by friends. A Thanksgiving turkey dinner, on November 14, was attended by 150 people. Rev. M. G. Papazian was the speaker.

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**TRINITY COUNTY.** Services are held at Lewiston on a weekday afternoon every two weeks. A bazaar and rummage sale is being arranged by some of the members at Hayfork. The Weaverville church used the Thanks With Giving program, and had the assistance of the High School faculty and choir. A brief service was held Thanksgiving morning. Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, uses a short children's sermon each Sunday. He is conducting services occasionally at the CCC camp at Minersville.

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**FRESNO, FIRST.** Readers of THE PACIFIC will be sorry to learn of the illness of Rev. Norman B. Henderson, who will be unable to be in the pulpit for a number of weeks. Laymen in the church will care for the services of worship for the time being.

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**GUERNEVILLE.** Mr. and Mrs. James P. Senter have moved from Monte Rio to Guerneville, and are engaged in the formation of a young people's society.

**REDWOOD CITY.** The Women's Guild annual luncheon brought a capacity attendance, the speaker being Edith Bristol of the *Call Bulletin* women's page. Plymouth Guild specializes on Red Cross sewing and knitting.. The Junior Guild has elected officers and is making fine progress. A nursery for young children of parents who are attending morning worship has been re-established. The Sunday School is rehearsing a Christmas operetta, written by Superintendent Carrington. An attendance of 155 was at the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally. A goal of $1,000 for benevolences in 1941 has been set, and the Every Member Canvass is in progress. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

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**ANGELS CAMP.** The Boosters Club, of which Rev. John G. Dickey is secretary, gave a Hallowe'en party to more than a thousand people. In this way the spirit of the evening was changed. In 1939 many hundreds of dollars of damage was done on Hallowe'en; in 1940 none. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey spent Thanksgiving with a sister in Claremont. Both the Angels Camp and Murphy churches have voted to accept the goals for benevolences which were suggested by the Conference committee. Thus do our home missionary churches show the way.

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**SAN JOSE.** Sunday evening forums have been unique and have engaged the interest of splendid congregations. They were in the form of trials, with the audience serving as the jury. In the first, Youth accuses society of fostering war; in the second, of betraying our American ideals; in the third, of jeopardizing the opportunity to work; and in the fourth, of repudiating character in favor of materialistic success. In each case there was a judge, a prosecuting attorney, and a defense attorney. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

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**LODI.** In carrying forward the program of the Christian Mission and Loyalty Crusade, there has been higher attendance at both Sunday School and Sunday morning services during the past two months. An offering of $26 was sent for European refugee relief. The usual Thank Offering was taken. Nearly 1000 people attended the community Thanksgiving service, which was planned by the pastor of this church, Rev. A. R. Boone, who was chairman of the program committee. The budget for 1941 is to be raised at a loyalty volunteer supper.

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**SALIDA.** Mr. Lewis Presnall, pastor of this church and student at Pacific School of Religion, was stricken some weeks ago with what was at first believed to be influenza, but was finally diagnosed as infantile paralysis. He will be incapacitated for some weeks, but is progressing nicely. The church has been supplied by students from Pacific School of Religion.

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**OAKLAND, FRUITVALE.** Rev. J. B. Orr has planned a series of Sunday mornings in December on families of the Bible, including the families of the Boy Samuel, the Boy John the Baptist, and the Boy Jesus. Splendid Christmas music has been arranged for the entire month. A large group of members and friends of the church gathered for a Forefathers' Day dinner in November.

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**TULARE.** Visitors to the church comment on the large number of young married folks who are seen in the congregation. The young adult group, called the "Standish Club," is one of the most active organizations. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is the pastor.

**BERKELEY, PARK.** The date for the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary fell upon Thanksgiving Day of the "before F.D.R." calendar. The ladies announced a one o'clock luncheon at the church and asked the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, to call at the local bakery at 12:30 to get the "ham" that was being prepared and to plan to attend the luncheon. When the "ham" was called for, it proved to be a sixteen-pound turkey, and the luncheon to be a Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings as a surprise dinner for the minister. Twenty-three sat down to a most bountiful feast, one of whom was the minister's wife, after an illness of a year.

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**BERKELEY, CHINESE.** On November 17 Rev. James E. Enman presided at a communion service, when 18 members were received into fellowship. A large congregation was present at the Thanksgiving worship service, November 24, and on the same evening a Thanksgiving dinner was held, in which forty-nine participated. Speakers emphasized the spirit of thankfulness and recounted many real blessings which are enjoyed. The young people put out a four-page mimeographed newspaper twice a month, under the caption *Et Cetera*. The Sunday School is sponsoring a splendid basketball team. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

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**SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR.** Fourteen new members were received during October, and the increase in both church and Sunday School attendance has been very marked. The payment to the Congregational Church Building Society went forward. Rev. J. H. McCartney, pastor, has been assisting the Kiwanis Club in its program for under-privileged children.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED.** Fourteen new members were received into fellowship, one-half of whom were in the Congregational wing of the federation. Rev. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, and his family have been ill, but they are improved. They were delighted to have their parents. Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Gaylord of Los Angeles, with them for Thanksgiving.

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**SOQUEL.** Rev. T. Davis Preston, formerly of Hawaii and one-time pastor at Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Benicia, California, is supplying the Soquel church for a month. A canvass for the support of the church is going forward.

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**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.** The young adult group is showing promise and enthusiasm. New officers have been elected, new members have joined, and new projects are under way. Mr. Byron Eshelman is pastor.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR FEDERATION MEETING IN DECEMBER.

## NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

As was announced in last month's PACIFIC, the Federation met on the second Thursday of November. The forenoon was taken up wholly with the discussion of business, mainly that of the newly-drawn constitution. Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, chairman of the constitution committee, presented the draft as prepared by the committee. The changes were minor ones, on the whole, and met with general favor. The Board recommended its adoption for one year on trial. This recommendation will be presented for vote at the Annual Meeting in January. The recommendation also carried the continuance of the present committee in action for the year.

### Annual Meeting

The time and place of the Annual Meeting was decided upon. It will be held with North Church, Berkeley, on January 16 and 17. Mrs. R. W. Kretsinger made one more plea for the completion of all Social Service quotas. Women of the churches will please make reports to her that she may be able to make hers at the Annual Meeting.

### Christmas for Migrants

This is the Christmas season, when we remember the children in the migrant camps all up and down our great state. The Council of Women for Home Missions, which heads up all this work, has sent us these addresses to which to send our gifts of whatever kind:

For Christmas gifts and toys, send to Miss Adeline Thornton, St. James Cathedral, 1209 N St., Fresno.

For clothing, send to Miss Irene Lindquist, Box 191, Mendota.

For money, send to the San Francisco office of the Council of Missions at 83 McAllister Street.

Get off your Christmas gifts as early as possible, as there is a great amount of work to be done, after these are received, in allocating them to the different camps. See that each gift is attractively wrapped and plainly marked on the outside as to whether it is for a boy or a girl, and for what approximate age. The Council especially requests that, in order to avoid heart-burnings, the gifts all be 15 cents or under in value.

### Welcome Home

Mrs. E. V. Krick, Hospitality Chairman, has had as her guest for a few days Miss Carolyn Sewall, from China, who has been ill for some time, but is now improved and will have left for Southern California before this issue of THE PACIFIC comes out. On the same boat with Miss Sewall came a bevy of missionary wives and children—ten in all. Sixty-seven pieces of luggage were cleared through the Customs! A busy time for all helpers!

### Democracy

"Democracy is that kind of government which seeks, when it is through with you, to leave you a person of spiritual maturity. It is more interested in the personal and spiritual development of men than in the perfecting of the process by which men make their living or carry on the affairs of life. Democracy centers attention on keeping alive the conviction of the importance of that initiative and cohesion based on trust which alone can lead to spiritual maturity, for spiritual growth is fed through willingness on the part of people to make choices and decisions. That is what sometimes makes democracy hard to live with."—*Arthur E. Holt.*

## GLOVES NEEDED

Many opportunities for help are brought to our attention this month. Dr. Alma Cooke, whose splendid work in China brought from the Chinese themselves the request for her return, needs one dozen surgical gloves a month in her hospital work. The cost for a month's supply is three dollars ($3.00). A San Francisco firm is prepared to take orders and send these direct to Dr. Cooke. Mrs. Ernest Evans has arranged for October and November; Santa Clara Association has taken December; Mrs. Charles Harmon, former Speaker's Bureau chairman, will provide for January. How splendid it will be if, either through individuals or societies of the Associations, we can make sure of a continuous delivery of those necessary articles. Write to Mrs. Evans, 100 Summit Avenue, Mill Valley, and she will place the order for you. Let us be so prompt that she will know soon that the year's supply is provided for.

### Reading Clubs

Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, Literature Chairman, has sent out to all Commissioners a small typed form on which to report the reading done in the various reading clubs or study groups. Will the Commissioners please see that all Missionary or Reading-list chairmen get this list? Urge them to fill it out and return to Mrs. d'Erlach by December 15. Mrs. d'Erlach's address is 1108 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

### Three Reminders

Attention should be called in closing to three items which have appeared in previous "Pacifics." While we send to the migrant children who are always our responsibility at Christmas, let us also remember the Indians of Modoc County, and send what we can for them to Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas. Again, we read with many loving thoughts of the birth of little Bruce Dwight Wilbur, to help his mother carry on. Lastly, let us remember the pleasure we have ahead, when Mrs. E. E. McClintock spends the time from February 26 through March 8 with us. Area meetings will be arranged later and we shall be notified of them.

## THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

The National Christian Mission is really coming to the Bay area. The dates will be March 9 to 16, 1941. Among the great speakers who will be present, under the leadership of E. Stanley Jones, will be Muriel Lester, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Henry Smith Leiper, Reinhold Niebuhr, Albert W. Palmer, and Worth M. Tippy. Dr. E. Stanley Jones will speak at a great mass meeting in the Oakland arena the first Sunday afternoon. There will be mass meetings each evening in both San Francisco and Oakland from the 10th to the 15th. There will be Bible forums, meetings for the clergy, seminars, special dinners, and luncheons each day.

Reports are beginning to come through from other cities. In Houston 25,000 people were reached daily.

Rev. W. Paul Reagor is general chairman and Lawton D. Harris is executive secretary.

Following the Mission there will be two-day missions in strategic centers in northern California, and eight-day missions in local churches, accompanied by visitation campaigns in evangelism under the leadership of Dr. Guy Black and his staff.

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For Junior High or Intermediate groups, the Pilgrim Intermediate Quarterly is recommended, whose theme for January-March, 1941, is "The Church Goes Into All the World."

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Send for a catalogue, and order thru the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco. Be sure to plan on at least two weeks for filling orders.

### Off to Mexico

Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Swartz have gone to Mexico for another sojourn of several months. While not arriving in time for the actual inauguration of the new president, they expect to see some of the festivities and to note some of the effects of the new regime.

### Welcome, Marilyn

Marilyn Kay Walters has arrived, and will soon take up residence in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Verdette Walters at Martinez. The date of her arrival was November 26, and the place was the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. Her first claim to distinction is in her choice of parents, and her second is that her first domicile was an incubator.

### OUR LAST CHANCE

In these days when great nations are breaking apart in the wild fury of war, the Christian churches of the world are drawing more closely together in understanding love and statesman-like cooperation. In these days when small nations are being swallowed up by the greed of empire, the native churches of subject peoples have risen with the Madras Conference and the ecumenical movement to a place of dignity in the councils of world Christianity. In these days when wild orgies of nationalism are bringing the world to the edge of an abyss where the vision of tomorrow is a horrible nightmare, missions are going along the path of world reconstruction.

Once the task of missions was that of saving a few men out of inferior cultures to love and devotion to the Christian God. Now missions are in the vanguard of those forces which seek to save civilization itself. The wisest and strongest today realize that in missions lies our last chance to build Christian living in a Christian world community.—VERE V. LOPER, from *Church Bulletin Service.*


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